

gun down his wife, the store manager, and wound an innocent, unsuspecting pregnant woman. Sheriffs deputies were doing their job responding to the many daily calls where violence is anticipated and usually resolved by their skills and training. But Friday, April 28, 1995 was going to be different!

Certainly, Sheriff's Sergeant Tim Mossbrucker didn't know that when he turned into the parking lot of this sleepy little suburban grocery store, he would be gunned down in cold blood. I'm sure that other deputies responding did not know that they would be confronted by gunfire that was going to take the life of their colleague and friend.

How they must feel. You can rest assured that how they feel is how we all feel. What can be done about someone who has so much rage and anger that he is willing to cut down members of society by simply pulling a trigger?

I know that the entire law enforcement community shares the grief and sense of helplessness that must be felt by members of the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department. I, too, share the grief and despair that they are experiencing. Sadly, this will not be the last law enforcement officer we will put to rest; this is not the last time we will have innocent victims taken from us over senseless violence.

I would hope the next time you see someone who is willing to put his/her life on the line for little pay and lousy hours, you will tell them that you appreciate them and what they do. It is quite possible that each time they put on a uniform and start a tour of duty, it could be their last.

RUSS COOK,

Chief of Police, Golden Police Department.
May 2, 1995.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. NETHERCUTT). Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from New York [Mr. OWENS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. OWENS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Indiana [Mr. BURTON] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. BURTON of Indiana addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. DOGGETT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. DOGGETT addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Michigan [Mr. EHLERS] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. EHLERS addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Texas [Mr. GENE GREEN] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

BIPARTISANSHIP NEEDED TO SAVE SOCIAL SECURITY

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Tennessee [Mr. BRYANT] is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. BRYANT. Mr. Speaker, I come here tonight with a stronger hope and brighter optimism for a sound and stable future for this country.

Bipartisanship is alive and well in the U.S. Senate, and we need more of it here in the House of Representatives.

I would like to take a few moments to commend Senators ALAN SIMPSON and BOB KERREY—two Senators of opposite parties—for their willingness to put politics aside and work together to save Social Security.

To me, the significance to be found in their effort is their realization of a big problem and their willingness to put partisan politics aside in order to go about the task of solving it.

Mr. Speaker, in Monday afternoon's issue of Congress Daily, Senator KERREY said, and I quote: "I am the chairman of the Democratic Senatorial Campaign Committee, and so it's possible for us to come forward and say the DSCC is not going to go out and attack Republican Senators for doing the right and responsible thing. We can take politics out of it."

Senator KERREY also said, and again I quote: "I will not put blinders on and say, 'well, I've got to attack somebody just because they're a Republican.'"

Senator KERREY, if you're watching this, I thank you and applaud you for championing this crucial issue with someone from the other side of the aisle. The House of Representatives needs more bipartisanship like that of you and Senator SIMPSON.

Like Social Security, one of the most crucial issues facing this Congress is preventing Medicare from going broke for the millions of seniors who depend on it.

But no one seems to want to put politics aside, roll up their sleeves, and solve the problem.

Instead, all we've heard are criticisms and attacks.

What good are these attacks doing? What legitimate purpose are they serving?

None. Nothing. All the carping, all the complaining, all the criticisms, are doing not one thing to save Medicare.

In the May 29 edition of Newsweek magazine, it was reported that during a meeting of Democrats at the White House to discuss saving Medicare, Senator JOHN BREAUX suggested that Democrats join in a bipartisan commission to reform Medicare.

The article went on to report that many of those present in the meeting rejected the idea, instead opting to let Republicans take the heat on this crucial effort.

What kind of leadership is that? How can we make any real progress with that kind of an attitude coming from the other side of the aisle?

Senator BREAUX, you're right on target, and I appreciate your foresight of this important issue. We need more of that kind of thinking here in the House of Representatives. We're going to have to have it if we're ever to save Medicare.

It's time for Congress to come together and devise a plan to preserve Medicare, and don't worry about who saves it.

Saving Medicare won't be something that will take place overnight.

It will require vision and foresight by the policy makers. Any Medicare reform proposal Congress proposes must entail reasonable, flexible, and common-sense alternatives for those who may choose to seek their medical care another source, such as an HMO.

Saving Medicare will require understanding by the millions of seniors who depend on it. Any restructuring of Medicare will require some changes. But everyone must realize that if there are no changes, there won't be any Medicare.

And most importantly, saving Medicare will require everyone in this body to work together if we are to realize success in our efforts.

We cannot—we must not—waste our time haggling with each other about preserving Medicare, because in the next 7 years, father time will grant us no time outs, no reprieves, and no second chances.

The many millions of seniors who are depending on us to save Medicare cannot afford gridlock.

Like Senator KERREY said, "we can take politics out of it."

I hope everyone in Congress can come together like Senators SIMPSON, KERREY, and BREAUX. Together, we must devise a plan to save Medicare.

I urge my colleagues on the other side of the aisle to participate in the process of saving Medicare in a positive and constructive manner.

We owe the millions of seniors of this country who are depending on us, our best effort.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Ohio [Ms. KAPTUR] is recognized for 5 minutes.

[Ms. KAPTUR addressed the House. Her remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.]

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Members are reminded to avoid references to Members of the other body.